



5-13-02

1644
#24
5-17-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Moritani and Lorenzo

Application No.: 10/068,550

Filed: February 06, 2002

For: Functional Breakable Crosslinkers,
and Polymer Networks Thereof

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Art Unit: 1644

Attorney Document No.: MTV-038-01

(20021-3801)

RECEIVED

MAY 16 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on: May 8, 2002.


Daniel Murray

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 (b)(3)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b)(3), submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of publications known to Applicants and their Attorney/Agent. A copy of each publication is also being submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed publication and indicate they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. Nor does it constitute an admission that the cited documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the listed documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law

regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the referenced documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits; therefore, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to/from our **Deposit Account, No. 06-1448**.

Date: May 8, 2002

Customer No.: 25181
Patent Group
Foley, Hoag & Eliot LLP
One Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109-2170

Respectfully Submitted,



Dana Gordon, PhD, JD
Reg. No. 44,719
Attorney for Applicants

Form PTO-1449

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION**
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number (Optional)
MTV-038.01 (20021-3801)

Application Number
10/068,550

Applicant

Gohei Moritani and Carmen Alvarez-Lorenzo

Filing Date

February 6, 2002

Group Art Unit

1644

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA	US 6,323,360	11/27/01	Ruckenstein et al.	560	199	
AB	US 6,313,185 B1	11/06/01	Lau et al.	521	77	
AC	US 6,201,050 B1	03/13/01	Kaiser et al.	524	239	
AD	US 6,172,128 B1	01/09/01	Lau et al.	521		
AE	US 6,156,812	12/05/00	Lau et al.	521		

RECEIVED

MAY 16 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS*(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages Etc.)*

AF	Ruckenstein and Zhang; "A Novel Breakable Cross-Linker and pH-Responsive Star-Shaped and Gel Polymers", Macromolecules, 32: 3979-3983, (1999)
AG	Welsh and Cantor; "Studies on the Arrangement of DNA Inside Viruses Using a Breakable Bis-psoralen Crosslinker", J. Mol. Biol. 198: 63-71, (1987)
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.